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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The spindle assembly 10 further comprises a spindle 50. In an embodiment, the spindle 50 is part of an automobile. The spindle 50 has multiple sections around which components are circumscribed. The spindle 50 includes a threaded section 51 and a non-threaded section 53. In an embodiment, the sections of the spindle 50 have varying diameters. The spindle has two ends. In an embodiment, a section adjacent to one end 52 of the spindle 50 has a D-shaped cross section. This section allows a spindle nut retainer 20 having a D-shaped cross section to circumscribe the spindle 50 which resists rotational movement. One section of the spindle 50 is threaded, allowing engagement with a nut 60 which is similarly threaded.

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